

REMARKS

Claims 12-51 are in the application.

Claims 1-11 have been deleted.

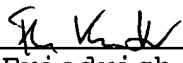
Inasmuch as rejected claims 1-11 have been deleted and the Examiner has indicated that claims 12-51 are allowable over the art of record, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

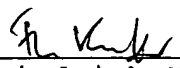
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